

VOICE OF THE VINEYARD



“How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!” (Rom. 10:15)



Well here it is transfer time again. It seems like we just started this transfer a week ago and now it is over. Transfers are a special time. A time of change, renewal, sadness of separation and the joy of new beginnings. It is sad but true that sometimes when we receive our new assignment and companion there are moments of fear and frustration because of what we may have heard about our new companion or area. It is about these things we may have heard, especially the negative and hurtful things that I wish to write.

The Lord said that the first and great commandment is: “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.” “And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.” Matt. 22:37, 39 The Lord has also taught that we should “Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother’s eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye.” Matt. 7:1-3

The Prophet David O. McKay taught that “in upholding the good in others a man makes better his own soul. He that looks for the good shall find it; and he who protects another’s good name makes bright his own.” He went on to say, “But the opposite is true as well. If every man is the keeper of his brother’s good name, he who proves false to his trust weakens his own good character, stains his own soul. There is a mean element in human nature which ‘feeds fat’ upon seeing weaknesses and faults in others-which secretly gloats upon others’ failures. The more one yields to this meanness, the meaner one becomes...”

I believe that it is from this base side of humanity that causes us to be involved in slander and back biting. It causes discord, distrust, sorrow and at times broken hearts. The wonderful ties of friendship are broken, the mission is weakened by dissension and ill will. Much of this is caused because we have failed to look for and speak of the good in others but have gloried in the bad.

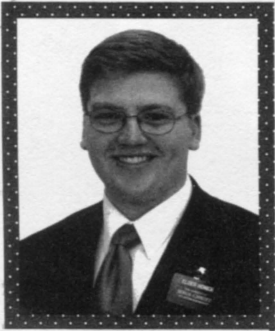
That is not to say that we should be blind to the bad. We must be ever vigilant so that through proper means weakness can be corrected and evils overcome. Many times however those who gossip and those who slander others see not only no good in others but see evil where none exists. What kind of soul would defame the honor and good name of an innocent companion or brother or sister in the mission?

As you and I know, most of us have plenty of trouble anyway. Why should anyone add to the humiliation, embarrassment, sorrow, and worry of another. We all have a heavy load to carry at times. Why should any of us want to add to the cross that we each have to bear. We must put aside bitterness, hate, jealousy and quit judging the other fellow. My mother gave me this advice, which would be well to always remember, “If you can’t say something nice about another person then don’t say anything at all.” The Lord has commanded us, “And see that there is no iniquity in the Church, neither hardness with each other, neither lying, backbiting, nor evil speaking.” D & C Sec. 20:54

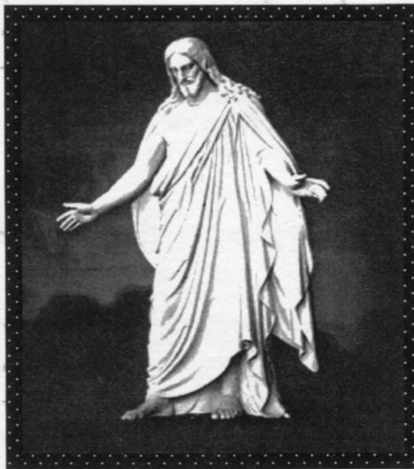
I believe that a true servant of the Lord should be the defender of his brother’s good name. I believe the Lord goes even further by requiring everyone to overlook another’s trespasses: “Ye ought to forgive one another; for he that forgiveth not his brother his trespasses standeth condemned before the Lord; for there remaineth in him the greater sin.” D&C 64:9

It is my prayer that we never add to the worries and heartache of a friend or a brother in the gospel by our idle and slanderous tongue. Love, President Moeller.

"Master Teacher"



ELDER HONICK



ELDER WHEELER

Utah Salt Lake City Mission 2006



June Baptisms:

	June
Granite.....	08
Helaman.....	20
Magna.....	05
Olympus.....	14
Pioneer.....	07
Temple.....	08
Tooele.....	06
West Valley.....	06
Wyoming.....	09

Mission Totals For:

June	093
May	119



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ELDER A. PEREZ
SISTER STEINMETZ
ELDER VISSER
ELDER WHEELER

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10 Aug	Elder D. Carter	27 Aug	Elder Corona
18 Aug	Elder Cúttis	28 Aug	Elder Dent *
18 Aug	Elder Sentone	29 Aug	Elder Braghini
20 Aug	Elder Saucier	08 Sep	Elder Shurtleff
20 Aug	Elder Torrey	09 Sep	Elder Gardiner
24 Aug	Elder Andersen	13 Sep	Elder Wood

* Senior Missionary

Assistants to the Presidents

Section 9 of the D&C is a revelation from the Lord given to Oliver Cowdery after his attempt to translate the gold plates. The Lord states, "Behold, you have not understood; you have supposed that I would give it unto you, when you took no thought save it was to ask me." (D&C 9:7) How often do we "take no thought save to ask Him?" All throughout the scriptures there are examples where God's servants are faced with great challenges. In almost every situation they go to great length to do all they can, and then God blesses them greatly with the things they need.

In Alma 43 the armies of the Lamanites attack the Nephite army. Even though Captain Moroni had faith in God and His protection, he still spent the time and resources to arm his people, "with swords, and with cimeters, and all manner of weapons of war," and prepared them, "with breastplates and with arm-shields, yea, and also shields to defend their heads". When Nephi broke his bow he first made a new one and then asked his father Lehi to inquire of the Lord where he should go to hunt. (1 Nephi 16:23-24) The Lord required Noah to build the ark, Nephi to build the ship, and the Brother of Jared to build the barges. He could have provided them from the Heavens. Although God gave King Benjamin the words to teach his people, King Benjamin still had to erect the tower himself. In the latter days God has provided us with the ordinances of salvation, but we are required to work to build his magnificent temples

Wherever we seek the blessings of God, we must also work to do our part. When we pray for new investigators we must be willing to go out and work to find them. When we pray for the Spirit to attend our lessons, we must do all we can to create an atmosphere where it can. After we put forth our best effort, then the blessings will come. Love, Elder Meade, Elder Goeders, and Elder Haynie



"Our 2nd Master Finder"



Elder Alvarado

"Vehicle Message from Elder Norton"

June's DVRs: Zero Defects (all DVRs on time with all receipts) only Tooele Zone—congratulations!!! Wyoming, Olympus, Temple, Pioneer and West Valley – all DVRs on time but missing some receipts. Again, on time is to me by the 5th of the month.

Mileage Allowances: As we discussed in the last Zone Conference, we have been severely restricted on mileage for our cars. Again, when you have appointments and other activities in the same week, schedule them on the same day to reduce travel. Accelerate the vehicle slowly, and drive smoothly and conservatively. Only Mission- approved essential travel on preparation days, and where possible, use mass transit, ride bicycles, or walk. I have been directed to monitor mileage more carefully and will do so. Do your planning thoughtfully and carefully and we can still move the work forward. I know the Lord will bless your efforts with great success!!!!

Sunshades, security, washing and waxing: The use of sunshades, windows down a little for venting, security, washing and waxing cars is not just for Zone Conference inspection. I hope that you will make these items part of your daily routine. As I travel around the mission and see your cars I seldom see sunshades in use and windows down a little. Often—although I really can't believe it—I find cars that are left overnight and unattended unlocked. You all know that cars are to be washed weekly and waxed quarterly. Love, Elder Norton



Welcome New Missionaries!

"Even before they were born, they, with many others, received their first lessons in the world of spirits and were prepared to come forth in the due time of the Lord to labor in his vineyard for the salvation of the souls of men". D&C 138:56

INCOMING AUGUST 2, 2006

* Spanish



*Sister Burkhardt
Lake Bluff,
Illinois



Sister Fleming
Calgary,
AB Canada



*Elder Harrison
Bellevue,
Nebraska



Elder Jackson
Tulsa,
Oklahoma



*Elder McDonald
Sacramento,
California



*Elder Murdock
Stuttgart-Rohr,
Germany



Elder Osborn
Palo Alto,
California



Elder Ruano
Gaithersburg,
Maryland



Elder Williams
Powder Springs,
Georgia



Elder Joseph Aaron Wright from Vidor, Texas
Transferred from the Argentina Resistencia Mission
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(Elder Wright arrived between transfers and his
photo was inadvertently omitted)



Departing Missionaries



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Before I joined the Church I had a great opportunity to attend a non-denominational Christian youth camp. The kids there knew that I was investigating the Church, and they obviously had questions. Using what knowledge I had about the Church at that time, I could still remember my audience's thirst to know more, and my amazement of how in the world I was answering all of their questions! Since then I have been baptized, been doing missionary work ever since. Yes, I even brought some of my friends to Church. I love missionary work and the feeling I get! I was baptized August 2, 2002; my mission ends August 3, 2006. My desire for this work is not going to end and will only continue. Why does Elder Cruz love it so much? Because I have received an answer from God. I have read the book (BoM)

many times and it is no way written by some farm boy. This is really the true Church of Jesus Christ. The only true church in the whole world! The heavens are NOT closed! It has been a pleasure to be an instrument in glorifying God in these 2 years. But beware, there is still a ton of work to do, especially back home. Remember: Faith without works is dead, so work! When you complain you only think about yourself! Everything you do is for experience points. No work is in vain. The best motivation in the mission is we are helping Christ "bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of men." Nothing else. Serve the Lord, not man. A mis carnales en la programa espanol, siguen luchando en la obra. Work hard and play hard. Take care. From the only Asian to serve in the Spanish Program. Love, Elder Cruz



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Elders and Sisters, Time here comes to an end all too quickly, leaving fulfilled potential or missed opportunities. It is amazing how the world passes by when you're so caught up in Christ's work. I have loved my time here and all of the relationships I've been able to form. There is no better way to understand how to worship, and understand what we worship (D&C 93:19) that consecrating our time, talents, and efforts in the service of our master, which luckily doesn't end with the release from full-time service. We're blessed to be able to labor here together to bring souls to Christ and to establish a pattern of living that our Father intends for us, that we can continue to receive greater light and knowledge throughout our lives. God is our Father, and he grants according to our desires (Alma 29:4). Christ is our Savior, Master, and Friend, and wrought out the perfect atonement through

the shedding of his blood. Joseph was the instrument foreordained to restore the fullness of the pure and simple teachings of Christ. Thank you for all of your examples and your friendship. Love, Elder Edwards



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Well, the time goes by so fast I can't believe it. I have really grown a testimony of the Savior's Atonement. It's crucial importance to God's Plan for each and every one of us and the Restoration of the Gospel. If it wasn't for the Atonement, the Restoration wouldn't be really important. And if it wasn't for the Restoration, we wouldn't be able to enjoy the blessings of the Atonement and its importance and many other blessing which we all know about now. We are true messengers of our Heavenly Father! Let us never tarnish that, and let us never forget

why we're doing this. Jesus is the Christ, Joseph was called to restore the truth, let's share this great message to everyone!!!! Love, Elder Espinoza



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"And I saw that I must soon go down to my grave, having been wrought upon by the power of God that I must preach and prophesy unto this people, and declare the word according to the truth which is in Christ. And I have declared it in all my days, and have rejoiced in it above that of the world." (Enos 1:26) I never conceived that I would have the capacity to enjoy something as much as I have loved my mission. I will cherish it forever. It has changed and effected every facet of my life. Enjoy what wonderful blessings the Lord has given you. And always,

always look on the sunny side of life. Love, Elder Fiske



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Serving a mission has been the apex of my life thus far. I will miss it more than I can say. The light, knowledge and experience I have gained through the Spirit of the work has lifted me beyond the boy I was when this sojourn began. In all that we do here as servants of the Lord it should be remembered that performance is what matters, not the size of the stage. Give it your all and the Lord will make up the rest. I love missionary work! I love my Savior Jesus Christ. He has lifted me beyond anything I ever thought I could do and be. I know that he appeared with His Father to the Prophet Joseph Smith. I testify of Joseph Smith as a prophet, it was he who translated the Book of Mormon and restored all the keys and blessings and powers of the Savior's church. He leads His church and not man. I love the Lord and I will ever be grateful of His love for me. I'm grateful for the things that I have learned from all of you. Give it your all and don't ever quit. God be with you till we meet again. Love, Elder Hawke



Departing Missionaries



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Boy! Serving a mission is a remarkable experience! There is so much to do, so many lessons to learn, many people to love! Each of us has a responsibility so great, opportunity so precious, and resources so numerous that God will hear and answer our prayers almost before we offer them up. Hold on to that, use it everyday. That is what our mantle entices us to do. Through the hot summer days, to the cold snow of the winter, we carry a banner—an Ensign to the Nations! We, with all our weaknesses, have this opportunity. Let's serve as we should and magnify our callings. God Speed Elders! (and Sisters) Love, Elder Hiatt



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Two years ago...Mom it's here! It's here! Open it, open it, okay here we go, one, two...Dear Elder Nava: You are hereby called to serve as a Missionary of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints...You are assigned to labor in the...UTAH SALT LAKE CITY MISSION!!!... You have been recommended as one worthy to represent the Lord...You will become an effective advocate and messenger of truth...We place in you our confidence...Sincerely, Gordon B. Hinckley President. What a great honor it has been to serve as a missionary, a servant of the Lord and to serve among you. I know that my calling comes from the Lord. He helped me to fulfill it, and all the lessons that He taught me throughout my mission are for my experience. He is my Teacher. He is my Savior. He and Heavenly Father appeared to young Joseph, and through Him they restored the gospel. I know this and I know that you know it too. My time has finished here, but no one can keep me from sharing my testimony, sharing what I've learned here! Remember

EVERY MEMBER A MISSIONARY!! This is your time, savor it, enjoy it, live it, it's yours and it's a once-in-a-life-time experience. I thank each and every one of you for your friendship, love and support. Love, your brother Elder Nava



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I won't give up, shut up, or let up, until I have stayed up, stored up, and paid up, of the cause of Christ. I must go till He comes, give till I drop, preach till I know, and work till He stops me. And when He returns for his own, He will have no problem of recognizing me. My banner will be clear. That is my goal for life. I love this work with all my heart. I am grateful for my loving Heavenly Father for letting me be a part of this work. My time is up of being a fulltime missionary in SLC mission. I am going home with no regret. I feel like I've given all that I have to serve the Lord for 18 months. And that is my advice to you all. Give it all you have and return home with no regret. I have gained so much knowledge about the Gospel and my Savior. This is an experience I will never forget. I want to thank you all for the great example you set for me. I want to thank President and Sister Moeller for everything, and the office staff for the beautiful smiles that always lighten my day. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. I love you all. Love Sister Palu



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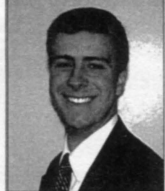
The major work in the world is not done by geniuses, it's done by ordinary people who have learned to work in an extraordinary manner. My time has come and now it is time for me to learn in a different level. I'm so grateful with my father in heaven for letting me serve him for these two wonderful years! Thanks to each one of my companions. I learned so much from all, and of course thanks to the mission staff you are awesome!!! President and Sister Moeller I love you so much! Salt Lake City Mission, you will always be in my heart. Haightcito: don't forget to read predone history, ñaño: te veo en oregon o colombia o en calif. jaja, Gabar

lo siento, is one of those tricky mexican pens, ET: oh manila, I'll miss the pink eye, pretty soon, uh came see!, Elder Tellez: matador man my sock is wet again, zona helaman sigan con ese fuego, los voy a extrañar, don't ever give up and if you have to choose between something always go for the hardest, Jesus is the Christ, Joseph was a Prophet, you know this now go and tell everybody. Ask me to teach—I'll teach. Ask me to commit—I'll baptize. Ask me to train—I'll give ideas. Ask me to open a branch—I'll plant the seed. But it is not what you ask of me - it is what the Lord wants me to do!!! ELDER RODRIGUEZ (CHUCHO)



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The mission has gone so fast, you blink and it's all over. I've loved serving my Father in Heaven and all the people I've worked with. Serving others truly does bring happiness. I mean that!!! Being on the mission has taught me a lot and has helped me come closer to my Savior, you realize how powerful the Atonement is! We're all healed through Christ. Joseph Smith was the prophet of the restoration, he did see God and Jesus Christ, it was a reality. This Gospel is true. I've been so blessed to have this opportunity to serve a mission. There's so many people I love and care about. I'll miss being here and being a part of it all. I've served around awesome missionaries, good times in each Zone. Laugh, it's a good thing!!! Elders and Sisters I'll miss you, thanks for your friendships... you know who you are!!! I've had tons of fun with my comps...pictures...extreme close ups, nicknames, messages, costumes...DI...shopping. Need I say more??? SWEET AS! Take care, Love Sister Sedore Triple "S" CANADA....East Side



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Dear friends. The mission of the church is to save souls. It is to teach the gospel to those who are willing to listen wherever they may be. There is no greater work. There is no more important work. There is no more compelling work than this which The God of Heaven has given us responsibility for accomplishing. I bear my testimony that Heavenly Father lives, Jesus is The Christ and Joseph Smith was a true prophet of God. I have learned many spiritual truths from The Book of Mormon and I testify of its truthfulness. I invite you to learn and apply the following principle: "That which we persist to do become easier, it is not because its nature changes, but our power to do it increases". Sincerely with much love, Elder Sentone



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Well it has been wonderful. I have loved serving the Lord wholeheartedly for 18 months of my life. I will continue to serve him as I leave SLC. There is so much work to be done, never a time to rest. The time is now and forever to serve. When I left for my mission, I had a scripture given to me in answer to my prayer. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven". Matt 5:16 I have strived to let my light grow and shine to show my love for my father. May we all do so! In those discouraging days, rely on the Lord, He will see you through. Thanks to all of those who have touched my life. May the Lord bless you all! Love, Sister Wessel



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I don't really know what to put in a paragraph for the last two years. My testimony of the gospel has grown so much. I know there is no other experience where I could grow so much. It's been a privilege to serve with all of you and I hope I've been able to teach and serve a small portion of what I've been able to receive. We truly are unprofitable servants to the Lord no matter if we give all our heart, might, mind and strength to the greatest work there is. And so it is, this is the Lord's work not man's, his gospel not mine and I know it all to be true by the power of the Holy Ghost. Love, Elder Witting